The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference/Special Meeting on Monday, December 5, 2005 at the Nutley High School Library, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Parisi opened the meeting at 6:43.

MEETING NOTICE

President Parisi stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided as specified in the Act. Proper notice of this Special Meeting was provided on November 30, 2005. Said notice was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Nutley Sun, The Star Ledger, The North Jersey Herald & News and The Nutley Journal and mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk.

This is an official meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Viola led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Dr. Philip T. Casale
- Mr. Gerard Del Tufo
- Mr. Sal Olivo
- Mr. James Viola
- Dr. Gerard M. Parisi

Absent:

- Mrs. Maria Alamo
- Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
- Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly (Arrived 6:48 PM)
- Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.

Also Present:

- Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. James Vivinetto, Assistant Superintendent
- Mr. Dennis M. Oblack, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mr. Frank Pomaco, Board Attorney
- Mr. Mark Wenczel, Board Attorney

Also Absent:

- Ms. Marissa Ryder, Student Representative
President Parisi asked that everyone make an effort to arrive on time for all meetings but especially when there are presentations on the agenda.

Trustee Del Tufo introduced Mr. Michael Zanko, Project Manager from Vollmer Associates, LLP, to update the Trustees regarding the scope and schedule of the Oval Project.

Trustee Reilly arrived at 6:48 PM.

Mr. Zanko described the major components of the scope of the 1st phase of the project: the turf, bleacher drainage and infrastructure for future improvements. Trustee Del Tufo mentioned that funding available is limited and therefore the scope of work has been reduced from what was originally envisioned. Mr. Zanko distributed possible field striping layouts and answered several questions from the trustees.

Trustee Del Tufo explained the next steps to be taken in the near term. Mr. Zanko estimated that an approximate schedule would be:

Bid – Mid-February
Award – March – April
Construction immediately after graduation
Completed September – October

EXECUTIVE
MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 PM Trustee Olivo moved and Trustee Del Tufo seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will be discussing matters exempt from public discussion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education recess to closed executive session at this time in the conference room to discuss personnel and legal matters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the discussions will be made public by inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Board of Education or when the reasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

RECONVENE
OPEN MEETING

At 8:50 PM the Board reconvened in open public session on a motion by Trustee Viola seconded by Trustee Casale, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only)

None
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Del Tufo discussed the Elementary Facilities Program and the Preventative Maintenance Program.

Trustee Reilly questioned whether Lincoln and Washington Schools would qualify as emergent.

A discussion ensued among the Board.

Board Secretary Oblack notified the trustees of several potential solutions to the parking problems arising from the Franklin Middle School Project.

Superintendent Zarra indicated that the Academic Committee Meeting has been postponed due to Chairperson Alamo's illness.

Trustee Reilly discussed Policy 3125 regarding hiring athletic coaches and the reduction of the time allowed for the completion of a background check.

Trustee Reilly also discussed Policy 5330 regarding the administration of medication to students by personnel other than the school nurse or principal in their absence.

Superintendent Zarra discussed the training of staff volunteers for the implementation of this policy.

President Parisi indicated that the required meeting on ethics would be scheduled in January.

President Parisi informed the trustees that Joanne Borin of the New Jersey School Boards Association recommended that the Superintendent's goals be adopted by resolution at the next regular Board meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

1. APPOINTMENT – Professional Staff

Trustee Viola moved, and Trustee Casale seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Joseph A. Constante as teacher for the 2005-06 school year, effective December 6, 2005 at the annual salary of $45,384, B.A. Step 9, in accordance with the 2005-06 Teachers’ Salary Guide.
3. **RESIGNATION – Buildings & Grounds Employee**

Trustee Del Tufo moved, and Trustee Casale seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Peter Russo, buildings & grounds employee, effective December 31, 2005.

4. **AMENDING RESOLUTION – LEAVE OF ABSENCE – B&G EMPLOYEE**

Trustee Reilly moved, and Trustee Viola seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution, approved at the November 21, 2005 Board Meeting, the leave of absence of Mr. Kwabena Opong to reflect a change in dates to read, effective December 10, 2005 to June 30, 2006 for the 2005-06 school year with the provision that he notify the Business Administrator of further intentions no later than April 1, 2006.

5. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTERS, INC. FOR PROVISION OF TUTORING SERVICES**

Trustee Olivo moved, and Trustee Casale seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, the Nutley Board of Education has determined that under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, it is necessary to retain the services of a qualified organization for research-based tutoring services; and

WHEREAS, Huntington Learning Centers, Inc., (the “Provider”) is duly qualified and approved by the State of New Jersey as a supplemental educational services provider to perform these services, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1)) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves the execution of a contract with Huntington Learning Centers, Inc. for the provision of the required research-based tutoring services for those students determined by the district to be eligible for such services, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the term of this agreement will be from December 5, 2005 through August 31, 2006, and

BE IT ALSO FURTHER RESOLVED that the district will pay the Provider $31.43 per hour for such services, up to a maximum of $943.00 per eligible student, with any charges in excess of that amount being the responsibility of the student’s parent or legal guardian.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM on a motion by Trustee Reilly, seconded by Trustee Olivo, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Oblack
Board Secretary